

**WITNESS DISCLOSURE**  
**CONSOL. DOCKET NOS. 01-0705, 02-0067, 02-0725**

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Mr. Maple is employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission as a Senior Energy Engineer in the Gas Section of the Engineering Department of the Energy Division. Mr. Maple has been employed by the ICC since 1998. Mr. Maple's primary responsibilities and duties are in the performance of studies and analyses dealing with the day-to-day and long-term operations and planning of the gas utilities serving Illinois. Mr. Maple reviews purchased gas adjustment clause reconciliations, rate base additions, levels of natural gas used for working capital, and utilities' applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. Mr. Maple also performs utility gas meter test shop audits. Finally, Mr. Maple provides expert testimony in cases before the Commission.

Mr. Maple holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. Mr. Maple is currently enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Illinois at Springfield, where he has taken 24 of the required 48 hours towards his degree. Finally, he is a registered Professional Engineer Intern in the State of Illinois.

Mr. Maple will testify regarding the Company's use of low cost LIFO layers in storage. Second, Mr. Maple will testify about various components of the Firm Deliverability Adjustment. Third, Mr. Maple will discuss Mr. Feingold's testimony as it applies to savings computed under the benchmark. Finally, Mr. Maple will testify to the Company's various actions with regards to the PBR program. Staff reserves the right to supplement Mr. Maple's disclosure.

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Ms. Everson is employed by the ICC as a Staff Accountant. Ms. Everson has been employed by the ICC since February of 1999. Ms. Everson holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree from Florida Technological University (now known as University of Central Florida). Ms. Everson is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the State of Illinois.

Ms. Everson will testify regarding the Company's annual reconciliation of gas costs and revenues pursuant to the Company's Rider 6 Gas Supply Cost for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 and related issues. Since Ms. Everson's review is ongoing, Staff reserves the right to address any such related issues in her testimony.

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Mr. Zuraski is a Senior Economist at the Illinois Commerce Commission, within the Energy Division's Policy Program. He provides economic analyses and advises the Commission and other staff members on issues involving the gas and electric utility industries. He reviews tariff filings and makes recommendations to the Commission concerning those filings. He provides testimony in Commission proceedings. In selected cases, he has acted as an assistant to Commissioners or to administrative law judges. Mr. Zuraski has been employed by the Commission since November 1987. Prior to coming to the Commission he was a graduate student at Washington University, where he also taught various courses in economics to undergraduate students in the Washington University night school and summer school. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and obtained a Masters of Arts degree in Economics from Washington University in St. Louis. He completed other work toward a doctorate in economics from Washington University, but did not complete all requirements for that degree.

Mr. Zuraski's will testify concerning his investigation, since July 2002, of Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor Gas" or "the Company"), the costs included in the Company's purchased gas adjustment clause ("PGA") in 1999 through 2002, and the Company's Gas Cost Performance Program ("GCPP" or "Program"), which was in effect in 2000

through 2002. This investigation started following the revelation by CUB of a fourteen-page fax sent to CUB, on June 21, 2002, alleging certain perceived improprieties on the part of Nicor Gas surrounding the GCPP (“the whistle-blower fax”). He will also respond to portions of the direct testimony on reopening of Nicor witnesses D’Alessandro, Lassar, Feingold, Barrett, and Moretti. Some of the issues his testimony will include: background information on the GCPP, proposed corrections and adjustments to storage inventory, gas costs, and the benchmark, savings derived storage inventory, the effect of previous net withdrawals from storage inventory on the original creation of the benchmark in Docket 99-0127, the sale of gas to IMD in December 1999, Nicor’s prefill program and its effect on carrying costs, the computation of the storage credit adjustment, transactions with affiliates, Nicor’s gas sale to Aquila, Nicor’s inclusion in the PGA of carrying charges associated with managed storage deals using released NGPL storage, an error in the reporting of deliveries of PGA gas to customers, certain Nicor Hub revenues, net interest on factor O refunds/surcharges, and an assessment of whether the GCPP met its objectives.

Staff reserves the right to supplement Mr. Zuraski’s disclosure.

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Mr. Knepler will testify regarding the Company's annual reconciliation of gas costs and revenues pursuant to the Company's Rider 6 Gas Supply Cost for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. Since Mr. Knepler's review is ongoing, Staff reserves the right to address any such related issues in his testimony.